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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSHUA C. HULL,

Plaintiff,

V.

RADIUS GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 8:22-cv-01613

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

1. VIOLATION OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, 15 U.S.C. §1692 ET SEQ.:

2. VIOLATION OF THE ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, CAL. CIV. CODE §1788 ET SEQ.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMPLAINT

NOW COMES JOSHUA C. HULL (“Plaintiff”), by and through his attorneys, complaining of **RADIUS GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, LLC** (“Defendant”), as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Plaintiff brings this action seeking redress for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (“FDCPA”) pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692 and violations of the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.17.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Subject matter jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1337, the TCPA, and FDCPA, as the action arises under the laws of the United States.

3. The Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law RFDCPA claim under 28 U.S.C. §1337.

4. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 as Plaintiff resides in the Central District of California, Defendant conducts business in the Central District of California, and all of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred within the Central District of California.

PARTIES

5. Plaintiff is a natural person over 18-years-of-age and is a “person” as defined by 47 U.S.C. §153(39). At all times relevant, Plaintiff resided in Orange County, California, which is located within the Central District of California.

6. Defendant is an online loan lender organization with its corporate offices located in Edina, Minnesota.

FACTS SUPPORTING CAUSES OF ACTION

7. Prior to the events giving rise to this action, Plaintiff opened a line of service with ATT Mobility and accrued a past due balance (“subject debt” or “subject account”).

8 Shortly thereafter, Defendant acquired the right to collect on the subject debt.

9. In or around December 2021, Defendant began placing collection calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number, (714) XXX-6244, in an attempt to collect on the subject debt.

10. Plaintiff is and always has been the sole subscriber, owner, possessor, and operator of the cellular telephone number ending in 6244.

1 11. In or around December 3, 2021, Plaintiff answered one of Defendant's incoming
2 telephone calls and informed them to stop calling.
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4 12. Failing to acquiesce to Plaintiff's demand to cease calling, Defendant continued to
5 call Plaintiff's cellular phone.
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7 13. Despite knowing that Plaintiff did not want to receive any further calls, Defendant
8 placed additional calls to Plaintiff's cellular phone following his request that the calls cease.
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10 14. Defendant intentionally harassed and abused Plaintiff on numerous occasions by
11 calling with such frequency as can be reasonably expected to harass.
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13 15. Moreover, Plaintiff has yet to receive any written communications since Defendant
14 first began calling Plaintiff's cellular telephone to collect on subject debt.
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16 16. Frustrated over Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff spoke with Sulaiman regarding his
17 rights, with the hope of ending the harassing attacks and unfair practices by Defendant
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DAMAGES

19 17. Defendant's harassing phone calls have severely disrupted Plaintiff's daily life and
20 general well-being.
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22 18. Defendant's phone harassment campaign and illegal collection activities have
23 caused Plaintiff actual harm, including but not limited to, invasion of privacy, nuisance, intrusion
24 upon and occupation of Plaintiff's cellular telephone capacity, wasting Plaintiff's time, the
25 increased risk of personal injury resulting from the distraction caused by the incessant phone calls,
26 aggravation that accompanies unsolicited telephone calls, emotional distress, mental anguish,
27 anxiety, loss of concentration, diminished value and utility of telephone equipment and telephone
28 subscription services, the loss of battery charge, and the per-kilowatt electricity costs required to
 recharge his cellular telephone as a result of increased usage of his telephone services.
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1 19. In addition, each time Defendant placed a telephone call to Plaintiff, Defendant
2 occupied Plaintiff's telephone number such that Plaintiff was unable to receive other phone calls.
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4 20. Concerned about the violations of his rights and invasion of his privacy, Plaintiff
5 was forced to seek the assistance of counsel to file this action to compel Defendant to cease its
6 unlawful conduct.
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COUNT I – VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

8 21. Plaintiff restates and realleges paragraphs 1 through 20 as though fully set forth
9 herein.
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11 22. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by FDCPA §1692a(3).
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13 23. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by §1692a(6) because its primary
14 business purpose is the collection of delinquent debts and it regularly collects debts and uses the
15 mail and/or the telephones to collect delinquent accounts allegedly owed to a third party.
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17 24. Moreover, Defendant is a "debt collector" because it acquired rights to the alleged
18 debt after it was in default. 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).
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20 25. The alleged debt in which Defendant attempting to collect upon is a "debt" as
21 defined by FDCPA §1692a(5) as it arises out of a transaction due or asserted to be owed or due to
22 another for personal, family, or household purposes.
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24 26. Defendant used the phone to attempt to collect the subject debt and, as such,
25 engaged in "communications" as defined in FDCPA §1692a(2).
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27 27. Defendant's communications to Plaintiff were made in connection with the
28 collection of the subject debt.
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30 28. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§1692c(a)(1), d, d(5), and f, through its unlawful
31 debt collection practices.
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1 **a. Violations of FDCPA § 1692c**

2 29. Defendant violated §1692c(a)(1) when it continuously called Plaintiff after being
3 notified to stop. This repeated behavior of continuously and systematically calling Plaintiff's
4 cellular phone after he demanded that it cease contacting him was harassing and abusive. Even
5 after being told to stop contacting him, Defendant continued its onslaught of phone calls with the
6 specific goal of oppressing and abusing Plaintiff into paying the subject debt.

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8 30. Moreover, Defendant was notified by Plaintiff that Defendant's calls were not
9 welcomed. As such, Defendant knew that its conduct was inconvenient, unwanted, and distressing
10 to Plaintiff.

11 **b. Violations of FDCPA § 1692d**

12 31. Defendant violated §1692d by engaging in abusive, harassing, and oppressive
13 conduct by relentlessly calling Plaintiff's cellular phone seeking immediate payment on the
14 subject debt. Moreover, Defendant continued placing the calls after Plaintiff put Defendant on
15 notice that the calls cease.

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17 32. Defendant violated §1692d(5) by causing Plaintiff's telephone to ring in an attempt
18 to engage Plaintiff in conversations regarding the collection of the subject debt with the intent to
19 annoy, abuse, or harass Plaintiff.

20 **c. Violations of FDCPA § 1692f**

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22 33. Defendant violated §1692f when it unfairly and unconscionably attempted to
23 collect on a debt by continuously calling Plaintiff through harassing means. Defendant repeatedly
24 attempted to coerce Plaintiff into making a payment towards the subject debt. These means
25 employed by Defendant only served to worry, harass, and cause distress to Plaintiff.

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27 34. Defendant had been told by Plaintiff to stop calling him. Nevertheless, it persisted
28 with its phone call campaign in contacting him, and knew that its conduct was inconvenient and

1 harassing to Plaintiff.

2 35. As an experienced debt collector, Defendant knew or should have known the
3 ramifications of collecting on a debt through never-ending harassing phone calls to the phones of
4 consumers in an attempt to collect on a debt.

5 36. Upon information and belief, Defendant systematically attempts to collect debts
6 through harassing conduct and has no procedures in place to assure compliance with the FDCPA.

7 37. As stated above, Plaintiff was severely harmed by Defendant's conduct.

8 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff JOSHUA C. HULL respectfully requests that this Honorable Court:

- 9 a. Declare that the practices complained of herein are unlawful and violate the
10 aforementioned statute;
- 11 b. Award Plaintiff statutory and actual damages, in an amount to be determined at trial, for
12 the underlying FDCPA violations;
- 13 c. Award Plaintiff costs and reasonable attorney fees as provided under 15 U.S.C.
14 §1692k; and
- 15 d. Award any other relief as the Honorable Court deems just and proper.

16 **COUNT II – VIOLATIONS OF THE ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

17 38. Plaintiff restates and realleges paragraphs 1 through 37 as though fully set forth
18 herein.

19 39. Plaintiff is a "person" as defined by Cal. Civ. Code §1788.2(g).

20 40. The alleged subject debt is a "debt" and "consumer debt" as defined by Cal. Civ.
21 Code § 1788.2(d) and (f).

22 41. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by Cal. Civ. Code §1788.2(c).

23 **a. Violations of RFDCPA §1788.11(e)**

24 42. The RFDCPA, pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1788.11(e), states that a debt collector
25 may not communicate "by telephone or in person, with the debtor with such frequency as to be
26 unreasonable and to constitute a harassment to the debtor under the circumstances."

1 43. Defendant violated the RFDCPA when it continuously placed telephone calls to
2 Plaintiff's cellular phone after he informed them that calls were unwanted. This repeated behavior
3 of systematically placing telephone calls Plaintiff's phone his demands to stop was oppressive,
4 harassing, and abusive. The repeated contacts were made with the hope that Plaintiff would make
5 a payment on the subject debt. The frequency and volume of calls shows that Defendant willfully
6 ignored Plaintiff's pleas with the intent of annoying and harassing him into submission.
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8 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff JOSHUA C. HULL respectfully requests that this Honorable
9 Court:

- 10 a. Declare that the practices complained of herein are unlawful and violate the
11 aforementioned statute;
- 12 b. Award Plaintiff actual damages, pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.30(a);
- 13 c. Award Plaintiff statutory damages up to \$1,000.00, pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §
14 1788.30(b);
- 15 d. Award Plaintiff costs and reasonable attorney fees as provided pursuant to Cal. Civ.
16 Code § 1788.30(c); and
- 17 e. Award any other relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

19 **Plaintiff demands trial by jury.**

21 Dated: August 31, 2022

22 Respectfully Submitted,

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